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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE REACTION TO DEFEAT OF SUGAR ACT EXTENSION

REF: STATE 121669

1. PHILIPPINE REACTION TO DEFEAT OF SUGAR ACT EXTENSION HAS BEEN QUIET THUS FAR, WITH NO PUBLIC SIGNS OF CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY THAT LEGAL ASSURANCES OF PHILIPPINE SHARE OF U.S. MARKET WILL END ON JANUARY 1, 1975. BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOP HAVE ADOPTED WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE AND THERE APPEAR TO BE NO PLANS TO LOBBY FOR RESURRECTION OF HOUSE BILL AT LEAST WHILE DOMESTIC U.S. SOURCES OF SUPPORT NOT PUSHING.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAVE BEEN LARGELY STRAIGHTFORWARD, ALBEIT WITH SOME CONFUSION OVER WHEN PHILIPPINE QUOTA ACTUALLY TERMINATES AND HOW IT WOULD BE AFFECTED BY TERMINATION OF LAUREL-LANGLEY. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT, SUGAR INDUSTRY LEADERS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT, EVEN WITHOUT QUOTA, PHILIPPINES WOULD MAINTAIN LEADING POSITION IN THE U.S. MARKET. SAME REPORT SPECULATED THAT ABOLITION OF SUGAR ACT MAY PAVE THE WAY FOR BILATERAL QUOTA NEGOTIATIONS.

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3. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS MAY WELL HAVE CONCLUDED THAT PRESENT WORLD SUGAR SITUATION, WHICH COMBINES, TO BE SURE, A USER'S REBELLION WITH A SELLER'S MARKET, GIVES THE PRODUCING NATIONS NONETHELESS AN UPPER HAND. POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF THE SUGAR QUOTA SYSTEM POSES FEWER PROBLEMS NOW THAN AT OTHER TIMES OF MARKET SOFTNESS. NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD NOT COME AS A SURPRISE IF GOP WERE TO MAKE ASSURED ACCESS TO THE U.S. SUGAR MARKET A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF CURRENT ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS.  
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